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1. ASSOCIATION FOR AID AND RELIEF (JAPAN) (AAR JAPAN)

(Special Consultative Status granted in 1998)

PART I. Introduction

i) Aims and purpose of the organisation

The Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR JAPAN) aims to provide humanitarian aid for people in need, and to promote self-reliance and realize prosperity for all human beings, taking an impartial stand in terms of political principles, ideologies and religions. With this aim, since its establishment in 1979, AAR JAPAN has been assisting the most vulnerable including refugees and persons with disabilities all over the world.

During the reporting period 2002-2005, AAR JAPAN focused mainly in mine action, assistance to persons with disabilities (PWDs), and emergency relief activities. Other areas include HIV/AIDS initiative, malaria prevention, and advocacy to ban illicit trading of small arms and weapons.

ii) Important Changes during 2002-2005

1. **Authorized Non Profitable Organisation Status in Japan:** Following the acquisition of Non Profit Organization (NPO) corporate status in Japan in 2000, AAR JAPAN was authorised by the National Tax Agency as an Authorized Non Profitable Organisation in 2003. This facilitated fundraising activities as donors now receive the benefit of tax exemption. AAR JAPAN was the 18th organisation to successfully obtain such status out of more than 20,000 bodies that completed NPO registration.

2. **Revision of Membership Regulation**: In reviewing the supporting member system, an amendment was made with regard to the membership classification from a single category to following two categories in 2005; Full membership (membership with voting right) and Associate membership (membership without voting right). It contributed to clarify the role of members and helped in cutting down on operational cost and workload necessary to manage a large number of members.

3. **New Organizational Affiliations**: AAR JAPAN additionally joined following network/organizations, since the last quadrennial report in 2001:

- The Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) / Japan
- The Open Regular Dialogue between Ministry of Foreign affairs and NGOs on Global Health, Infectious Diseases and Population/ Japan

PART II. Contribution of the organisation to the work of United Nations

i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings

1. United Nations Second Biennial Meeting of States to consider the Implementation of the Program of Action to Prevent Combat, Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects

Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York, **Date**: 15-17 July 2005.

The Program Coordinator participated in the conference to share information and exchange views with other delegates to seek common measures for tackling the problems.

ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies/agencies

1. Implementation of a project in collaboration with the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

Period: Since October 9th, 2003 and continuing beyond 2005

AAR Japan developed and implemented projects on mine risk education(MRE) to produce textbooks, posters, leaflets and other educational materials in local languages and in English for distribution within the country in collaboration with United Nations Mine Action Centre in Afghanistan (UNMACA). Produced materials were distributed at encashment centres (where returnees register and receive cash subsidy, food, and lectures for surviving in post-conflict areas), in schools, and in local communities. More than 250,000 copies of MRE materials has been distributed for use throughout Afghanistan.

2. Received a funding from United Nations Children's Fund (UHICEF) in Afghanistan to develop mine risk education brochures for children in 2005. The movie, brochures and posters produced under the partnership in 1 and 2 were adopted as official education materials in Afghanistan by the United Nations and were distributed throughout the country.

3. Other operational cooperation with agencies: In its emergency relief operations in Sri Lanka, Sudan and other countries, AAR JAPAN cooperated with several United Nations agencies including United Nations Development Programme, World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees(UNHCR).

4. UNHCR-NGO Partnership in Action (PARinAC). AAR JAPAN has been an active member of the UNHCR-NGO Partnership in Action (PARinAC) in Japan.

iii) Activities undertaken by the organization in support of the MDGs

AAR JAPAN has contributed towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through its work in Africa and Asia. AAR JAPAN was particularly active in Africa through the implementation of its programs in line with the following goals.

1. Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

Period: Since December 1st, 2004 and continuing beyond 2005

Under its HIV/AIDS initiative, AAR JAPAN conducted a project in N'Gombe, Zambia to support schooling of orphans and vulnerable children. More than 80 children could go to school by this project.

2. Goal 4 : Reduce Child Mortality and Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Period: Since December 1st, 2005 and continuing

Developed and being implemented a Maternal and Child Health program in Kapoeta, Sudan. AAR Japan trained traditional birth attendants in collaboration with local NGO.

3. Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

(1) Malaria Prevention: Distribution of mosquito nets and education

Place: Meheba Refugee Settllement, Zambia (2003) and Luanda, Angola (2004)

(2) HIV/AIDS Initiative: Construction and Improvement of training facilities for youth education in Chilanga and Lusaka, Zambia.

Period:Since December 1st 2004 and continuing

iv) Activities in support of global principles

AAR JAPAN has not participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies or in major conferences. But, as mentioned before, AAR JAPAN participated in several United Nations meetings on disarmament, mainly Mine Action, Small Arms and Light Weapons, which indirectly contributes to the Economic and Social Council objectives. AAR JAPAN will continue to operate and advocate in several countries on both issues and intends to make a strong effort to concentrate in the implementation of projects in the field, in support of the MDGs. AAR JAPAN has also engaged in people with disabilities issue in Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Afghanistan and Tajikistan to encourage them to be independent. Both issues are not specifically mentioned in the MDGs but these activities are necessary to supplement MDGs.

2. CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION FOR FEMINIST RESEARCH AND ACTION (CAFRA)

(Special consultative status granted in 2002)

Part I: Introduction

CAFRA is a regional network of feminists, individual researchers, activists and women's organisations, which define feminist politics as a matter of both consciousness and action. CAFRA is committed to understanding the relationship between the oppression of women and other forms of oppression in the society, and is working actively for change.

CAFRA's membership spans the English, Spanish, French, Dutch speaking Caribbean. A total membership exceeds 3,000 including the newly formed CAFRA Junior Leagues. CAFRA works within the framework of the Beijing Platform for Action, aligning its programmes with the twelve critical areas of concern. The socio-economic context clearly points to the need to:

(a) Focus on women's empowerment

(b) Challenge the macro-economic structures

(c) Broaden the support base locally, regionally and internationally

Membership expansion - CAFRA Junior Leagues have been formed in several of the CAFRA member countries. The CAFRA Junior League marks an important step in encouraging traditional leaderships in the women's movement and aims to encourage young women to become powerful leaders tomorrow.

Constraining factors - The CAFRA programme of work 2002-2006 was fielded among its members and donor agencies. The proposal sought to raise approximately US$ 2m for the five-year period. This proved difficult to achieve - although the organization received from Caribbean Development Bank funds for the domestic violence intervention/prevention project in 2002 - the financial situation has been deteriorating steadily over the last four years. Now in its 21st year of operation, the biggest threat to the organization is its financial instability, due to an overall recession in the region, and changing policies of donor agencies. The organisation has been enabled by the relevance of its programmes and partnership with United Nations Agencies and it will continue its efforts to achieve the necessary resources in order to fulfill its mission for social justice.

Part II – Summary of Activities

2002

Illegal use of Small Arms

CAFRA was accredited to the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and co-sponsored a regional conference on the topic held from October 27-29, 2002 in Trinidad & Tobago.

2003

CAFRA participated in the United Nations process for the ten year review of Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held from October 6-10, 2003; and International Conference on Population and Development held from November 11-12, 2003. Both meetings were held in Trinidad and Tobago.

2004

Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

From January 26-30, 2004 the Caribbean meeting in preparation for the ten year review of the United Nations Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Islands Developing States was held in the Bahamas. The CAFRA National Representative in the Bahamas participated.

Fourth Regional Conference on Women

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Fourth Regional Conference on Women was held in St. Vincent and the Grenadines from February 12-13, 2004. The CAFRA Deputy Chairperson represented the organization.

Beijing+10

The Beijing+10 NGO Forum and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean official meeting was held in Mexico from June 8-12, 2004. CAFRA National Representative, and past Chairperson, represented the organization.

International Conference on Population and Development

CAFRA collaborated with the International Planned Parenthood Federation to produce a Position Paper to inform and educate people in Latin America and the Caribbean on the Millennium Development Goals and the International Conference on Population and Development. The research fed into a symposium held in New York, October 20, 2004, entitled "Sex and the Hemisphere". Discussions engaged representatives of governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, key United Nations agencies, donors and civil society organizations.

CAFRA was invited to send a participant to an NGO Forum to the International Conference on Population and Development Regional meeting, held in Puerto Rico, June 24-27 2004. CAFRA Chairperson, attended this meeting. She read the final declaration of the Forum at the official United Nations meeting, which was held from June 28-July 2, 2004.

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

CAFRA Regional Committee member from the CAFRA St. Vincent attended a United Nations Commission on HIV/AIDS workshop on "Working with Vulnerable Populations in the Region", held in Jamaica, from December 10-13 2004.

2005

Beijing+10

The 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held at United Nations Headquarters from February 28 - March 11, 2005. CAFRA's representatives were Coordinator, Chairwoman, and CAFRA National Representative of Puerto Rico.

Caribbean Fire Arms

CAFRA was invited to a workshop held in the Bahamas on May 12, 2005, on Caribbean Fire Arms Import, Exit and In-transit Shipment.

World Summit on the Information Society

The Caribbean meeting to prepare for the World Summit on the Information Society was held in St. Kitts from July 4-6, 2005. St. Lucia National Representative, attended this important meeting.

Beijing+10 – Consultation on Priorities

CAFRA was invited to an Expert Group Consultation on Priorities for follow-up to the ten year review and appraisal of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, by the Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations, New York. The meeting was held from October 31 - November 3, 2005. A representative of CAFRA from Curacao attended this meeting.

International Conference on Population and Development

United Nations Population Fund organised a workshop on Capacity Building to develop strategies for implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development Plan of Action, following the ten year review in 2004. This workshop was held in Antigua from December 8-9 2005, and was attended by a representative of CAFRA from Jamaica.

3. HEALTH ON THE NET FOUNDATION

(Special Consultative Status granted in 2002)

Part I. Introduction

i. The aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action

The Health On the Net Foundation (HON) promotes and guides the deployment of useful and reliable online health information, and its appropriate and efficient use. Created in 1995, HON is a non-profit, Non Governmental Organization (NGO). For 10 years, HON has focused on the essential question of the provision of health information to citizens, information that respects ethical standards. To cope with the unprecedented volume of healthcare information available on the Net, the HONcode of conduct (http://www.healthonnet.org/Conduct.html) offers a multi-stakeholder consensus on standards to protect citizens from misleading health information.

Part II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

i. Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Geneva (Switzerland), 10-12 December 2003

At WSIS, governments and other stakeholders have discussed the controversial subject of control over e-content. To address this critical issue, HON pioneered a voluntary approach: a code of ethical conduct, the HONcode, which information providers can adopt to distinguish their web sites as trustworthy sources (ICT4D Platform : http://www.ict-4d.org/). HON is associated with the Geneva University Hospitals, which have set up projects to use their expertise in medical information to support telemedicine applications in several developing countries. These projects have been exhibited during the summit. Their activities include: webcasting of scientific conferences so that remote participants can intervene and ask questions live to speakers; exchange of knowledge South-South, with post-graduate and public health courses webcasted to regional hospitals in Mali (this includes the exchange of images obtained using digital still cameras); the exchange of South-North knowledge, to enable medical students training in tropical medicine in Geneva (Switzerland) to follow seminars on leprosy or iodine efficiency organised by experts in Mali; and North–South knowledge exchange, by sending high-quality images to enable remote areas to access or review radiographic images.

HON wins the World Summit award in the e-health category (Best of 2003 in e-Health category: http://www.wsis-award.org/index.php?folder=54). 136 countries have taken part in a worldwide initiative to select, evaluate and promote the best practice examples in e-Content and creativity. An event showcasing the Award has taken place on day 2 of the WSIS, in the presence of representatives of member state governments, private sector companies, civil society entities and Heads of State present for the Summit.

MEDNET 2003 "Internet in Health for All", 4-7 December 2003, Geneva (Switzerland) - HON had the honor and responsibility of organizing the annual meeting of the Society for the Internet in Medicine (http://www.hon.ch/Mednet2003).

Conferences related to WSIS:

HON participated to the conference organised by the European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) "The Role of Science in the Information Society" (http://www.cern.ch/rsis/), 8-9 December 2003, Geneva (Switzerland).

eHealth 2003 High Level Conference, 22-23 May 2003, Brussels (Belgium) "The Contribution of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to Health", Ministerial Conference and Exhibition - HON attended and participated in the Ministerial declaration on eHealth.

eHealth 2004 – European Union High Level Conference under the Irish presidency, 5-6 May 2004, Cork (Ireland) - HON attended this conference and showcased Information Society Technologies (IST) tools and best practices for boosting the efficiency, quality, and accessibility of public services during two days. This has been a fantastic opportunity for HON to demonstrate to all the attendees - mainly Ministers, Commissioners, stakeholders - all the services developed for nearly 10 years in the promotion of trustworthiness for medical and health information on the Internet. The conference primarily focused on the three themes of the call for the eEurope eHealth Awards: 1. eHealth information tools and services for citizens; 2. eHealth administrative tools and services for citizens; 3. eHealth homecare and telemedicine tools and services for citizens. Among the areas discussed: health cards, integrated care records, evidence based decisions, health portals, quality of Health Websites, telemedicine.

The "NGO Forum for Health: a briefing on e-health" on 30 March 2006, Geneva (Switzerland)

HON participated and discussed on how we can take advantage of e-health to advance the NGO Forum for Health mission.

ii. Cooperation with the United Nations bodies and /or specialized agencies in the field

"Strengthening Health Systems through eHealth", 23 may 2006, Geneva (Switzerland) - In conjunction with the World Health Assembly (WHA), the HON in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), two African states (Mali and Cameroon) and the State of Geneva (Switzerland) organized the conference. This conference consecrated the relationship between WHO and HON, as well as the constantly growing cooperation between Switzerland, Europe and Africa in the health domain thanks to the efficient use of new communication tools, in particular the World-Wide Web. This remarkable event demonstrated new synergies for the development of eHealth by bringing together various expertises (http://www.hon.ch/OMS/program.html).

"Trustworthy online medical information: A study on specificities in French-speaking African countries" - With this new project, in partnership with the University of Geneva (Switzerland), the WHO, the University Institute of Development Studies and the Institute of Social Sciences in Mali, the HON aims to better understand the stakes related to the globalisation of health information, and to study the structural components of trustworthy information. This study will be focused on the contents

addressed to health professionals in French-speaking Africa. The main goal of this project will be to publish guidelines for the creation of contents of quality for current and future editors of medical information sources in French-speaking Africa. This is one year approved project and financed by the Geneva (Switzerland) International Academic Network 2006/2007 (GIAN http://www.ruig-gian.org/).

ii. Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG)

Goal 4: Reduce child mortality

Target 5: Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five

Actions: Material for training and educating for mother usage: (http://www.hon.ch/Dossier/MotherChild/childhood_diseases/childhood_diseases.html).

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Target 6: Reduce by three-quarters, between 1990 and 2015, the maternal mortality ratio

Actions: Material for educating and guiding women: Mother and child Glossary (http://www.hon.ch/Dossier/MotherChild/).

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases

Target 8: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases

Actions: development educational material targeting eyes diseases identified in the World Health Organization global Vision 2020 agenda (http://www.hon.ch/PROVISU/index_MV2_en.html).

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

Target 18: In cooperation with the private sector, make available the benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications technology

Actions: The fist one is to develop a sustainable collaboration with the Medical Research Council (MRC), South Africa. The South African Medical Research Council (MRC) is now the HON accreditation centre for health and medical Web sites of English speaking countries in Africa. The second one is to develop a sustainable partnership with the French speaking African countries through an agreement between the HON and the Government of the Republic of Mali. As the result of this partnership, HON has set up the creation of an official HON representation based in Bamako (Mali). The third one is the project "Trustworthy online medical information: A study on specificities in French-speaking African countries". It is one of the projects of French African HON office.

4. INTERREGIONAL UNION OF LIFE HELP FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS "SAIL OF HOPE"

Special Consultative Status granted in July 2002

Part 1 - Introduction

The aims and purposes of the organization and its main course of action are the protection and the rights of the mentally handicapped children and persons of Russia. We endeavor to do this by government legislation, working with parents, in seminars and conferences. The working out of upbringing, education, medical and labor relationships and sports related activities as well as camping outings which are good for the mind, spirit and body.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations.

Each year we participate in the various annual sessions of the Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization Conference held at the United Nations in New York.

Various conferences and our work in Russia also contribute greatly.

Scarce funds and few representation staff have made attendance at the international meetings very difficult. This has now changed with the appointment of an all volunteer staff located in the USA.

YEAR 2002

MARCH-JULY 2002, 2 Pre-school Centers were set up in Astrakhan, 1 Center in Belgorod and 1 Center in Kemerovo, Russia. These were set up to prepare mentally handicapped children for school.

OCTOBER 2002, Yearly Art Festival for the mentally handicapped was held in Ekaterinburg, Russia. This Festival gave the mentally handicapped an opportunity to show to others their art and through that art they contributed to the community in which they live.

27 MAY, Round Table Conference in Moscow, Russia, "WHO NEEDS CHILDREN OF RUSSIA" The Round Table Conference focused on how the different strata of society need the children of Russia who have been diagnosed as mentally handicapped.

18 OCTOBER, Seminar "Orphans in Russia and Russian state policy towards them". The state policy of Russia is to keep orphans and especially the mentally handicapped in orphanages. Apartments are to be given later when the orphan comes of age. However, orphans who are mentally handicapped are not adapted to real life. Now directors of some orphanages have set up "apartments" within the orphanage and are getting young people to adapt to living in such an arrangement. The apartment has 1 bedroom, a small living room and a kitchen with sitting room.

5 DECEMBER, Conference - "International Laws on the problems of the mentally handicapped". First of all the Standard Rules of the United Nation Declaration on the rights of the mentally

handicapped has been adopted by most nations, but not by Russia. We have, however, in Sail of Hope adopted the Standard Rules of the United Nations.

20 APRIL-30 MAY, Program in Moscow, Russia "YOU ARE NEEDED". This Program is held yearly and involves the mentally handicapped to show their skills through various activities, outdoors as well as indoor sportsmanship, art, wood products and other skills associated with motor skills, etc.

20 FEBRUARY, Dialogue of Generations for grandparents of mentally handicapped. This was held in Moscow, Russia. Prominent speakers gathered together to share with grandparents of the mentally handicapped and show them the value of their grandsons and granddaughters in the usefulness of society.

3-10 JANUARY AND 5-12 JUNE, Sports Games, held in Moscow Region of Russia. Preparation for the mentally handicapped to participate in sports games.

JUNE 2002, "International Day of Protection for the Mentally Handicapped Child" is held in Moscow, Russia, just for children and the organization of outdoor activities.

DECEMBER 2002, International Day of the Disabled. Moscow, Russia.

YEAR 2003

Help in organization of pre-school mentally handicapped persons.

12 FEBRUARY, Seminar on professional training of mentally handicapped young people is held in Moscow, Russia. It is needed for the inclusion of mentally handicapped in the life of society. Exchanging of experiences, new ideas, proposals for new kinds of professional activities and propaganda of special characteristics of a mentally handicapped person is done. Setting up Rehabilitation Centers in Moscow, Russia for mentally handicapped.

10-17 MARCH, Art Festival for mentally handicapped in Ekaterinburg, Russia.

11-12 MARCH, International Conference in Moscow; "NGO's In Struggle for the Rights of the Disabled" Moscow, Russia.

APRIL 2003, Penza Region, Russia. Working with the orphanages in regards to mentally handicapped children.

YEAR 2004

26 MAY, Round Table Conference: "Role of the family in bringing up the mentally handicapped". Moscow, Russia

There are now 26 Centers in the Moscow Region that have been set up. These Centers in Moscow Region are for "early learning" to help mentally handicapped.

5-6 OCTOBER, Conference of the "Social Partnership-NGO's and the State" was held in Russia. Our State, due to the activities of our NGO's, including our organization "Sail of Hope" pays more and more attention to this "Social" question.

YEAR 2005

18-19 NOVEMBER, Presentation of Sail of Hope organization on our proposals for Russian legislation on problems of mentally handicapped children in Russia, was held in Moscow.

10-17 MARCH, All Russian Art Exhibition of Mentally Handicapped of Russia, held in Moscow.

2-9 JUNE, The Competition of Singers and Dancers for the Mentally Handicapped of Moscow, Russia is held.

JUNE 2005, International Day of Protection of the Child.

DECEMBER 2005, International Day of Disabled Persons, held in Moscow with representation from former Soviet Republics, Germany and France.

5. JMJ CHILDREN'S FUND OF CANADA

(Special Consultative Status granted in 1998)

Part I: Introduction

JMJ Children's Fund is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization founded in 1972, with the specific goal of helping children in need. This is done by providing funds to responsible persons, who will feed, clothe, house and educate children, who otherwise would not receive such care. We also provide for medical care, when requested.

JMJ Children's Fund is composed of a relatively small groups of volunteers, who want to help children in need, in whatever way they can; and since 1972 has expanded its activities into those geographic areas of the world where no one else is there to help the children. JMJ Children's Fund depends on donor support, and therefore has limited funds. Also, in addition to limited funds, sometimes JMJ members come to know of Economic and Social Council activities, already too late to be able to mount an active response.

Part II: Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

During the reporting period 2002-2005, the President of JMJ Children's Fund or one of its representative attended the following meetings:

46th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held from 4-15 March, 2002 at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September, 2002;

47th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held from 3-14 March, 2003 at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

11th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development held in New York, from 28 April to 9 May, 2003;

48th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 1- 12 March 2004;

12th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development held in New York, from 14 – 30 April 2004;

13th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, as Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, which was held from 28 February – 4 March, 2005 in New York; and

49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women on Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action and the Outcome Document of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly, held from 28 February to 11 March 2005, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Activities in Line with Millennium Development Goals:

Since 2002, JMJ has been involved in supporting a food program for a Remand Home in Ibadan, Nigeria, in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). The Home is made up of all women residents on the campus in Ibadan, JMJ helps provide two meals a week, to about 50 young people, some incarcerated for minor felonies, and others merely abandoned on the streets or doorsteps. In 2003, JMJ in conjunction with students of the Institute, helped to provide toilets for the Remand Home.

In 2005, JMJ received a request from the founder of the Third World Movement against the Exploitation of Women, who is running a program in the Philippines for girls who have been abused, and are living off the streets. Some of them have babies. These children are kept at Nazareth Growth Home, a residential care facility, in Quezon City, Luzon Islande, which has 3 shelters namely, Nazareth Growth Home-GenSan, Bethany Transition Home-Marikina, and Bethany Transition Home-Lipa. JMJ supported the child care part of this on-going program.

On their first visit/admission to the program, the children are given a thorough medical examination to determine their health status. Five young girls who had been lured, early, into prostitution were treated for sexually transmitted diseases and a series of laboratory tests were conducted before their admission to the facility. Medicines for fever, flu and vitamins were provided to the children and regular milk was given to serve as nutritious supplement.

In addition to the preceding activities, during the reporting period 2002-2005, JMJ Children's Fund also contributed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the following geographical regions: Accra, Ghana, Mzuzu, Malawi, Port-au-Prince, Haiti and Tamil Nadu, South India.

In its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, JMJ supported 25 needy girls to acquire education in Mzuzu, Malawi; but because we believe that girls do not learn on an empty stomach, JMJ ensured that they receive nutritional supplements, as well.

For several years, JMJ Children's Fund has helped feed and educate children in Accra, Ghana. One of these students was recently accepted, in the Mathematics Program at the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. JMJ is covering her tuition and living expenses, while she is at the University.

Street children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, were also provided funds, every year since 2003, for education. This program included books, school supplies, uniforms, and nutritional care.

In 2004, JMJ Children's Fund responded to an appeal to provide funds to educate, feed and clothe 50 children in schools in the diocese of Chingleput, in Tamil Nadu, South India. In 2005 school year, school material packs, containing pens, pencils and paper were given to approximately 100 children. Desks were also provided for 50 of these students.

Since 2005, as mentioned previously, in cooperation with Third World Movement against the Exploitation of Women, single or abused mothers in several centers in the Philippines were given assistance with their prenatal care, and with their infants. Single and abused mothers were provided with food, nutritional training, education, shelter, and were taught methods of earning a living, e.g. farming and raising chickens, or sewing through this on-going program.

JMJ has always taken an active interest in the victims of the AIDS pandemic. In 2002 JMJ became involved in the Youth Alive Program. A program to teach young people to make proper choices, in order to take charge of their own lives and to combat AIDS, is being promoted and supported in Malawi. In 2005, a series of workshops have been organized and promoted, with the aid of young people, from 2-10 June, 2005 in Lilongwe involving 8 Secondary Schools and forms - approximately 1500 students; and from 24-26 November, 2005, in Lusangazi with 200 participants.

In addition to these, JMJ sponsored a workshop on the prevention of AIDS in Malawi, in conjunction with the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, on 2 March, 2005 in New York.